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SUBSCRIPTION RATES.

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A correspondent in the Artesia News the first letters of his name being Bill Daugherty says there were eighteen others on the famous libel grand jury besides Etter. However, he must remember that nearly half voted for truth and against libel and it makes no difference to the people what the result of the elimination of the worst elements of a grand jury may be; it still holds good that it is best to eliminate such plotters and spite workers.

The dispatches tell us that four of the leaders of the Irish revolutionists were shot. It would seem that an civilized country as England would be as magnanimous as was the United States when Jeff Davis was captured. The idea of standing men up against an adobe wall and shooting them seems to be as much "English" as it is Mexican.

Since last week's issue of this paper, a number of people have come forward and disclaimed any responsibility for, or connection with the mud-slinging circulars containing the Etter grand jury report, that had been spread throughout the county and which were criticised by this paper. We do not blame them for not wanting the responsibility. We must, however, remember: 1. To print and distribute these dirty, nasty circulars cost money—perhaps \$300 or more. 2. They were printed and distributed to help somebody. 3. Somebody did it. The candidate for sheriff who was a witness before the Etter jury says he did not. Now, Mr. Voter, it is up to you to answer the question as to whether you approve of it or not and when you get your pencil ready to make your ballot, consider the above and in whose interest it was done.

Monday morning a white frost was visible in Carlsbad, the first ever known in May by the oldest inhabitants.

Next Tuesday will end the agony for many who have been on the anxious seat for four months. The chances are the race will be close between some of the contestants but when it is over all will be good Democrats still and will vote for the nominees. It is hoped that when the primaries are over that political will quiet down and the people go to work to boost the country and especially the road work which is needed more in Eddy county than elsewhere.

The Current regrets to state that Mrs. Alberts and family will make their future home in Roswell. Will Ballard, a brother-in-law and Emory Carper, a brother, came down from Roswell yesterday with Norma and Billy Alberts to pack up the household goods and ship them to Roswell.

STATE POLITICS.

Santa Fe, May, 5.—The real keynote of Spies—Want to Get Democrats Out of Office.

tion at Albuquerque. The note of the republican state convention at Albuquerque was sounded by Charles A. Spies, Republican national committeeman, in the late hours of the gathering, after various attempts at "keynoting" had been made by the state chairman, and the temporary and permanent chairman of the convention, and it consisted simply of getting the democrats out of office. The declaration, "What we want is to get the democrats out of office," was in a manner in which the "Black Eagle" of San Miguel went straight to the heart of the G. O. P., desire made an instantaneous and tremendous hit with his audience and he was applauded to the echo. Mr. Spies failed to supplement his declaration with the statement that the New Mexico Republican machine meant to use every and subterfuge known to unscrupulous politics in its effort to oust the democrats from office, but his omission probably was due to the would have been wholly superfluous. He knew that he was talking to an assemblage of G. O. P. delegates.

The republican convention, in reality, was an armed truce. The warriors stayed on the reservation, but every blanket concealed a knife. All the factions feared the consequences in the effort of a row, and the efforts of the leaders were directed to keeping the matches away from the powder. The delegation named to go to the national convention at Chicago, represented a compromise, and Spies was permitted to retain his place as national committeeman because those who had planned to make a fight on him feared that such action would ignite the fireworks. The Spies-Romero-Catron interests went into the convention with more strength than the Fall-Bursum Hubbell faction believed they could muster as a result. The leaders of both sides were irritated by intimations that their fight might result in the selection of "dark horses" for both the senatorial and gubernatorial nominations, and all of them left the convention more determined than ever to down their opponents and make themselves secure. The only effect of the convention was the promotion of party differences.

While it is absolutely a fact that the republican party in New Mexico was probably never more inharmonious than at present, the democrats of the state should not relax their efforts because of it, but rather strive to make doubly sure a democratic success that might be gained would hold pie-counter possibilities, and as this is the main consideration with a big percentage of Republican voters, they can be counted on to support the ticket, regardless of present differences. But the internal dissensions now existing are certain to have an effect on the total Republican vote, and will add to Democratic oppor-

tunity in the coming campaign.

In connection with the Democratic ticket this year, the time has arrived for Democrats of all sections of the state to begin the consideration of candidates for the various offices, to the end that there may be no hazardous selections and that the strongest possible nominations may be made. Several months will elapse before the nominating convention is held, and it is hoped that during this period there will be a general discussion of available men, and that sentiment will crystallize in favor of those particularly fitted for the positions to be filled. There is every reason to believe that the right kind of a ticket—one commanding the respect of every decent citizen of New Mexico, regardless of party affiliations—will mean a sweeping Democratic victory in the fall.

The "see America first" cult presupposes that America is worth seeing even for those familiar with the scenic masterpieces of the old world. Referring to new acquisitions to our national park treasures, the secretary of the interior said recently that these should be as available to all citizens of the United States as Switzerland and Italy make theirs. The National Park association favors the establishment of a bureau of national park service, having for its work the preservation and development of the natural beauty of the park reserves and the promotion of facilities making them available to tourists. Favoring this plan, the New York Times said recently: "The love of natural beauty for itself has come, has grown, and nowhere can it be gratified more amply and more fruitfully than in the national parks. The people are getting interested then. The aim of the government—and it is a laudable aim that must be carried out—is to open them thoroughly by road and trail and give access and accommodation to every degree of income. If congress will but make the funds available for the construction of roads over which automobiles may travel with safety (for all the parks are now open to motorists) and for trails to hunt out the hidden places of beauty and dignity, we may expect that year by year these parks will become a more precious possession of the people, holding them to the further discovery of America and making them still prouder of its resources, esthetic as well as material."

A problem sure to come to the fore in trying to provide adequate national defenses is the first line against invasion by water. The coast line of the United States proper is alone over 20,000 miles in length. Really we have no coast defenses at present, simply harbor defenses at various points—less than thirty, all told—on the ocean and gulf coasts. An enemy aiming at one of the big seaport cities would be more likely to land on the flank where there are no defenses than to risk attacking fortifications. Against such incursions a mobile seacoast artillery might be effective. It would manifestly be impossible to build, man and maintain fortified posts every ten miles along our entire coast line. This is the work which navies are out out for. The naval batteries are mobile and are stronger than any mobile land artillery. A navy is needed anyway, and the bigger and better it is the more likelihood of its efficiency for coast guard, vastly less expensive than a chain of forts, and ready on call.

The War college very wisely suggests that the natural fortifications of the country be utilized for defense. For instance, it holds it a good military principle not to maintain a federal arsenal, supply depot nor plant for the manufacture of arms and munitions east or west of the great coast ranges of mountains nor within 200 miles of our borders north and south. In the one case distance and in the other difficult passes would baffle enemy attempts to strike at our military vitals.

This is the right time to keep standing prominently on the newspaper page, over the office desk, on the school blackboard and elsewhere Stephen Deatur's famous saying: "Our country! In her intercourse with foreign nations may she always be in the right, but our country right or wrong."

It costs the public in this country \$5,000,000 a year to be afflicted with "ragtime." A genius with a real musical substitute could easily pick up another \$5,000,000 by abolishing the nuisance for good and all.

The Japanese are imitating those cheap toys "made in Germany." May the Yankees of the east spend all their energies at that sort of trick and let world politics and expansion ideas alone.

Take it from the practical observer, there's altogether too much "Lapa Joffre" and Kitchener guff in the war news and not enough "How we smashed the Teutons" to satisfy the allies.

Naturally the War college asks for everything in sight in the way of arm increase. Probably, however, it is itself prepared to be satisfied with a half or even a quarter loaf.

Christian & Co. INSURANCE.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

SURVEYOR.

The Current is authorized to announce N. V. Cook as a candidate for the office of county surveyor of Eddy county subject to the decision of the voters at the democratic primaries May 9.

Subject to Democratic Primaries.

REPRESENTATIVE.

J. C. ESTLACK

CARL B. LIVINGSTON.

STATE SENATE.

DR. M. P. SKEEN.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

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ROBERT C. DOW

SHERIFF.

JOHN N. HEWITT

M. C. STEWART

COUNTY CLERK.

A. R. O'QUINN

ASSESSOR.

W. C. HOWARD

ROY S. WALLER

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WHIT WRIGHT

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W. T. MATKINS



K. K. SCOTT

CANDIDATE FOR
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

I hereby announce myself a candidate for representative to the state legislature from Eddy county, subject to the will of the Democratic voters at the coming primary.

J. C. ESTLACK.

1. BELIEVE:—

1. Public officials should render to the people HONEST, FAITHFUL and EFFICIENT service.

2. Eddy County Legislators should represent the County and people as a WHOLE and not with reference to some particular portion of the county or political faction.

3. Good schools and low taxes mean much to New Mexico.

4. County division would mean INCREASED taxes in both old and new counties.

5. Excessive freight and passenger charges should NOT be allowed to further interfere with the DEVELOPMENT of New Mexico.

J. C. ESTLACK.

MR. BAKER CALLS IT

CORDIAL CO-OPERATION.

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"The status of the expedition into Mexico is as it was in the beginning, in cordial co-operation with the de facto government of Mexico. That co-operation continues and the expedition continues."

Meaning by "cordial co-operation," we suppose, such appreciated courtesies as refusing transportation of supplies to our soldiers, shooting them down and when they go, unarmed, on a peaceful errand to buy food and other attentions of a like nature.

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Carlsbad, New Mexico, May 3, 1916.
To the Patrons of the Public Utilities Company:

Since the present management of the Public Utilities Company assumed control of the corporation, its settled policy has been, not only to give the patrons of the Company the best service furnished to any town or city in the state, but also, to do this at a lower rate.

In carrying out this plan, the management has spent during the past ten years, more than \$100,000.00 in the installation of a water works system and other improvements and betterments. It has devoted much time and its best efforts to combine the best service and lowest rates and is taken much pride in the actual accomplishment of this very unusual combination for public betterment.

Since the application for another franchise, the management has made a careful investigation of services rendered and prices charged in other towns in New Mexico. This has been done for the two fold purpose of giving the people the facts and to confirm or overthrow the claim that Carlsbad has been getting the best and cheapest service in the state. The result has been most gratifying in every particular except one as the following table will show:

Electric Light Rates
Artesia: residence 20 cents per KW, business 15 cents, minimum \$1.50.
Roswell: residence 15 cents per KW, business 15 cents, minimum \$1.50.
Alamogordo: residence 20 cents per KW, business 20 cents, minimum \$1.50.
Silver City: residence 20 cents per KW, business 15 cents, minimum \$1.50.
Deming: residence 20 cents per KW, business 15 cents, minimum \$1.50.
Albuquerque: residence 13 1-2 cents per KW, business 13 1-2 cents, minimum, \$1.50.
Carlsbad: residence 12 1-2 cents per KW, business 10 cents, minimum \$2.00.

The above list gives the rates in six representative cities of this state as compared with Carlsbad. The fact of price is a matter of record but that of service is, one of individual opinion. We have, however, satisfied ourselves that in no city in the state do the people have as good service in the matter of water works and lights as Carlsbad and before the end of the year its telephone system will be second to none.

The above list does not include all the cities of the state, but as far as we have been able to ascertain, there are none where the rates are lower than in the ones above given.

In looking over the list, it will be seen that Carlsbad has the lowest rate of any town in the state except in the matter of a minimum rate. This affects a large number of small consumers and is of no importance to the large ones.

The slightly higher minimum rate charged in Carlsbad, has been ascertained by the investigation just closed and the Company has decided to adhere to its well known traditions of giving to its patrons not only the best but the cheapest service of any town in New Mexico. It has, therefore, ordered that the minimum rate be reduced from \$2.00 to \$1.50 per month effective May first, thus making the rate as low as any other in one particular, while in all others it has been and still will be lower than any other town in the state.

Thanking you for your liberal patronage and your earnest co-operation in times of stress, we are,

Yours for good service,
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES CO.

By A. J. MUZZY, President.

Reporters

On the train going out Subbubs got into conversation with a stranger, who remarked:

"I see you are putting up a good many new buildings."

"Yes," answered Subbubs, "new buildings are the only kind we put up."

—Kansas City Journal.

Both Ways.

"What on earth are you doing sneaking around in the room that way. Merin, when you know I can't bear to be disturbed?"

"I was looking for an egg to make the cake being with."

"Well, beat it!"—Baltimore American.

Says Phasants Kill Quails.

Game wardens of central Illinois have filed charges against the English ring necked pheasants which were imported at enormous expense by the state game department and distributed in most of the counties. It is asserted that the pheasants kill the young quails and destroy the nests of the grown birds before the eggs are hatched.

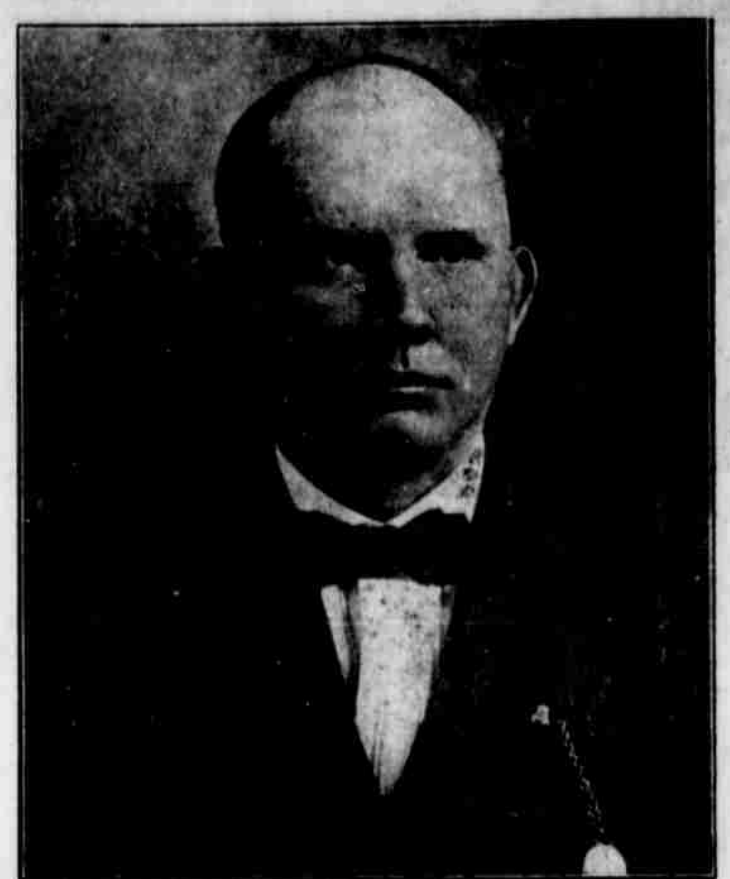
TOMBSTONES AS GUIDES.

Some Changes Are Made as a Result of One Boom in Nevada.

Reno, Nev.—Tombstones are being used for location monuments in the new mining district near Sodaville, where a supposed fabulously rich ledge of tungsten ore was discovered, according to reports brought to Reno by men who answer the call of the desert and mark the boundaries of their claim.

One miner located the village cemetery, and as there were no rocks near he used some of the best looking tombstones to mark the boundaries of his claim.

Others soon followed suit, and now the relatives of the departed, interred three years ago, would have a hard time recognizing one grave from another.



J. C. Gilbert

WHY YOU SHOULD SUPPORT HIS
CANDIDACY FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY

1. Because he is in every way qualified to fill the office and discharge the duties thereof in a manner satisfactory to all tax payers and citizens.
2. Because he is a tax payer and therefore understands what it means to have the District Attorney's office properly and equitably handled.
3. Because Mr. Gilbert pledges himself to a reduction of the District court expenses and this on the same volume of business transacted.
4. Because he believes in prosecuting the guilty and defending the innocent. But a square deal to all with equity and justice as his motto.
5. Because he will give to every individual, company and corporation, the same fair treatment that constitutional citizens are entitled to. Equal rights to all and special privileges to none.
6. Because he believes a public office is a public trust and a public duty is sacred and must be conscientiously discharged. That public officials are public servants and the people are entitled to their very best efforts.
7. To all of the foregoing Mr. Gilbert has pledged himself and his administration.

LEGAL BLANKS FOR SALE

AT CURRENT OFFICE.

Contract to sell real estate of all kinds on installment, 5c.; 40c. pr. doz. Warranty Deeds, 5c.; 40c. doz. Mortgage Deeds, or Real estate mortgages, 5c.; 40c. per doz. Bills of Sale in books of fifty, 25c. Bills of Sale, single, half size blank 5c.; 25c. doz. All Justice blanks 5c.; 25c. doz. Contract to Sell Live Stock 5c.; 40c. doz. Placer Claim Notices 5c.; 30c. doz. Lode Mineral Claim Notices 5c.; 40c. doz. Release Chattel Mtg. 5c.; 40c. doz. All other blanks, too numerous to mention at 5c. each and 40c. per dozen. Blanks sold in quantities 500 to 1000 at \$10 to \$15 per 1,000.

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